

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-8, 11, 12 and 14-27 are presently pending. Claims 1, 9, 10 and 13 have been canceled. Claims 2-4, 7, 14, 16, 17, 20, 22-25 and 27 have been amended.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 11 and 12 are allowed and that claims 7, 8, 20 and 24-26 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks appearing below, which Applicants believe place the application in condition for allowance.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 9, 10, 13-19, 21-23 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of the Briggs patent and the Moura Bordado et al. publication, both of which are addressed in detail in the prior Amendment filed on November 24, 2004.

While Applicants believe that the rejected claims are patentable over the cited combinations for at least the reasons discussed in the Response filed on April 11, 2005, Applicants have amended the claims so as to: 1) cancel the rejected independent claims 1, 9 and 13 and claim 10 that depended from claim 9; and 2) rewrite the remaining rejected claims 2-6, 14-19, 21-23 and 27 so that each depends from a claim that the Examiner has indicated is allowable. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-6, 14-19, 21-23 and 27, as amended, are allowable over the references of record.

Applicants reserve the right to further assert in a continuing or other patent application that the canceled claims are allowable over present rejection.

**Allowable Claims**

As mentioned above, the Examiner has indicated that claims 7, 8, 20 and 24-26 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend.

Applicant has amended these claims as indicated by the Examiner. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7, 8, 20 and 24-26, as amended, are allowable over the references of record.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 2-8, 11, 12 and 14-27, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Therefore, prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. If any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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